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SENATE BILL 108

46TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2003

INTRODUCED BY

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FOR THE NEW MEXICO FINANCE AUTHORITY OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

AN ACT

RELATING TO INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS; CREATING THE OFFICE OF
MEXICAN AFFAIRS; MAKING AN APPROPRIATION.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

Section 1. OFFICE OF MEXICAN AFFAIRS--CREATED--
ADMINISTRATIVE ATTACHMENT-- POWERS AND DUTIES. --

A. The "office of Mexican affairs" is created in
the office of the governor.

B. The head of the office of Mexican affairs is the
"Mexican affairs officer". He shall be appointed by the
governor with the consent of the senate. The Mexican affairs
officer shall serve at the pleasure of the governor.

C. Within available appropriations, the Mexican
affairs officer may appoint such other professional, technical
and clerical assistants as necessary to carry out the duties of

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1 the office.

2 D. The office of Mexican affairs, under the
3 direction of the governor, is primarily responsible for
4 conducting the state's relations with the Republic of Mexico
5 and the state of Chihuahua. To the extent allowed by law and
6 necessary to ensure that common economic, political, cultural,
7 health and safety and infrastructure issues with the Republic
8 of Mexico and the state of Chihuahua are coordinated, the
9 office shall direct or oversee the activities of the economic
10 development department, the tourism department, the office of
11 cultural affairs, the state highway and transportation
12 department, the department of health, the department of
13 environment, the department of public safety, the New Mexico
14 border commission, the border authority and the joint border
15 research institute at New Mexico state university as those
16 activities relate to improving New Mexico-Mexico relations and
17 trade and encouraging or funding appropriate border
18 development.

19 Section 2. APPROPRIATION. -- Three hundred twenty-five
20 thousand dollars (\$325,000) is appropriated from the general
21 fund to the office of the governor for expenditure in fiscal
22 year 2004 for operations of the office of Mexican affairs. Any
23 unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of
24 fiscal year 2004 shall revert to the general fund.